

Application No. 09/376,794  
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The present listing of the claims replaces all past listings of the claims:

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-17. (Canceled).

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) A method of reducing the tackiness to skin of a cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a tacky substance, said tacky substance being a chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacetylation of > 55 to 99%, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of reducing the tackiness to skin of said preparation an effective amount therefor of one or more phospholipids.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the phospholipid is a lecithin.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-water emulsion.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) A method of rendering non-tacky to skin a cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a tacky substance, said tacky substance being a

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chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacetylation of > 55 to 99%, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of rendering said preparation non-tacky to skin.

**Claim 22. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 21, wherein the phospholipid is a lecithin.

**Claim 23. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 22, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-water emulsion.

**Claim 24. (Previously Presented)** A method of reducing the tackiness to skin of a cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a tacky substance, said tacky substance being a chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacetylation of > 55 to 99%, while at the same time improving the stability of said preparation, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of reducing the tackiness to skin, an effective amount therefor of one or more phospholipids.

**Claim 25. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18, wherein the phospholipid is a lecithin.

**Claim 26. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 19, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-water emulsion.

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Claim 27. (New) A method of reducing the tackiness to skin of a cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a tacky substance, said tacky substance being a chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacetylation of > 55 to 99%, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of reducing the tackiness to skin of said preparation 0.5-5% of lecithin.